



Request for Community-Based Habitat Restoration Proposals

The [American Sportfishing Association](#)'s (ASA) [FishAmerica Foundation](#) invites proposals for the first round of citizen-driven habitat restoration projects in 2001 under its partnership with the [Community-Based Restoration Program](#) within NOAA Fisheries. The partnership seeks to encourage local efforts to accomplish meaningful on-the-ground restoration of marine, estuarine and riparian habitats, including salt marshes, seagrass beds, coral reefs, mangrove forests, and freshwater habitats important to anadromous fish species (fish like salmon and striped bass that spawn in freshwater and migrate to the sea). Emphasis is on using a grassroots, bottom-up approach to restore fisheries habitat across coastal America.

Projects must result in on-the-ground habitat restoration, clearly demonstrate significant benefits to marine, estuarine or anadromous fisheries resources, particularly sportfish, and must involve community participation through an educational or volunteer component tied to the restoration activities. Where possible, participation of NOAA staff is encouraged to strengthen the development and implementation of sound restoration projects.

Proposals will be jointly evaluated by NOAA technical staff and FishAmerica staff, ranked, and recommendations forwarded to the FishAmerica Conservation Projects Committee for funding consideration.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criterion:

- Extent to which the project will improve habitat for fisheries resources;
- Technical merit and project feasibility;
- Specificity of results, benefits and products;
- Cost effectiveness and budget detail and justification;
- Partnership/Cooperation from community groups and other organizations.

Funding requests typically fall within the range of \$5,000 to \$30,000. Proposals can be part of a larger restoration project funded through additional sources, however a discrete project objective must be completed within one year of an award. Although a formal match requirement is not required, matching funds greatly enhance the merit of the application. Matching funds can consist of a combination of cash donations, in-kind services or volunteer labor. Funding requests for administrative salaries, overhead and travel will not be considered.

When applying for funds, please submit the following:

- **Two unstapled originals and one unstapled copy of the completed application outline** with a detailed budget. Applicants are encouraged to download the grant application format from <http://www.fishamerica.org>;
- **Letter of Support** from the appropriate state resource agency;
- Evidence of the recipient organization's **tax-exempt status**.

Additional supporting documentation such as maps, photographs, and design plans are encouraged but not required.

In addition to the information requested on the application outline, please submit the information listed below:

- Congressional district of applicant (<http://congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials>)
- Longitude/Latitude coordinates of project site (in decimal degrees if available)

Applicants should submit their proposals for community-based restoration projects to the FishAmerica Foundation at 1003 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, postmarked no later than April 30, 2001. Funding will be announced in June 2001. Additional information on project status may be requested before awards are finalized by contacting Johanna DeGroff, Grants Administrator, FishAmerica Foundation at jdegroff@asafishing.org.

For more information on the FishAmerica Foundation, or the NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program (CRP) and its partners, please visit the following websites:

FishAmerica Foundation: <http://www.fishamerica.org>

NOAA Restoration Center CRP: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/community/index.html>